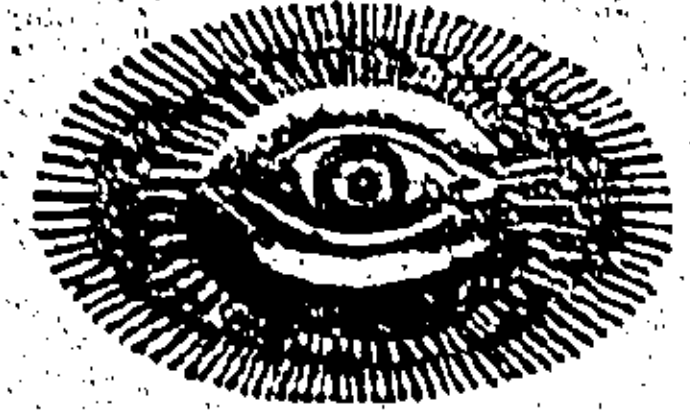


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CROFTERS FROM THE HEBRIDES.

A GROWING COLONY.

[BY SIR PERCIVAL PHILLIPS.]

One of the most successful experiments in British immigration has been the settlement of crofters from the Hebrides in Northern Alberta, writes Sir Percival Phillips in the *Daily Mail*.

No class of settler ever proved more unwilling at first to absorb new ways of living and working. With traditional restraint they merely say that "things are not so bad." But Father R. A. McDonnell, the untiring priest who shepherded them to their new home, knows that they are prosperous, grateful, and content.

The men of the Western Isles who now own farms of their own form a colony near the town of Vermilion, in Northern Alberta. Their settlement is the permanent phase of Father McDonnell's immigration scheme, which began with the removal of a few distressed families from the Hebrides.

30,000 Acres of Land.

These crofters were followed by others. In the spring of 1923 an abandoned Indian reservation and school at Deer, Central Alberta, was converted into a clearing house for Hebrideans and a similar type of farm settler from Northern Ireland. The men were found work with neighbouring farmers, so that they could learn Canadian methods of crop raising, and cottages were built for their families.

The arrangement was not popular. What the man from the Hebrides wanted was a farm of his own and his own dwelling. This was made possible by the joint action of the Scottish Immigration Aid Society and the Overseas Settlement Board in buying 30,000 acres of virgin prairie, north of Vermilion, from a Belgian syndicate.

The colonists selected for installation were sold their farms at £1 an acre and advanced £200 for the purchase of machinery and live stock. They have 35 years in which to pay for the land, while the instalments covering equipment are spread over 15 years.

Forty Scottish and Irish families which had been living in cottages on Red Deer reservation moved to farms last spring, and thus began the permanent colony of Clan Donald.

Now all the farms are occupied and Clan Donald is a going concern. They work together in amity. The men help each other in fencing and breaking new land. They are shipping milk and cream in large quantities to the Vermilion co-operative creamery. Above all, they are happy and cheerful, and the young people already show marked improvement in education and general adaptability.

Thrifty Scots.

The thrifty Scots character is asserting itself. Already the crofters realise that their farms have risen in value, for the mere fact that a community has been established has enhanced the value of all other land in the region.

The second colony of Hebrideans and Northern Irish will come into existence next spring at Saddle Lake, near St. Paul de Melis, in Northern Alberta. Buildings are now being erected on 50 farms.

"I want the people of Great Britain to know what a fight we are putting up here to keep Canada British," Father McDonnell said to me to-day. "Many Continental countries are pouring immigrants into these Western Provinces, and we must see that a greater proportion are brought out from England, Scotland, and Ulster. I am going over later in the winter to make arrangements for the next party of settlers, and I hope to be able to secure financial assistance for extending the scope of our colonisation scheme."

STANDARD ICE-CREAM IN ENGLAND.

COMMITTEE TO FIX ITS
INGREDIENTS.

An official standard for ice-cream in England is to be decided upon by all parties concerned in its manufacture and sale, and a joint committee has been appointed for this purpose. It is holding its meetings at the National Farmers' Union headquarters in Bedford-square, W.C.

The committee consists of three members each of the Ice-cream Association, the Dairywomen's Federation, and the National Farmers' Union.

To dairy farmers this move is important. A feature of the last two or three years is the rise of a promising agricultural trade in ice-cream, especially on farms in the neighbourhood of large towns.

The ingredients served out to the six dairymaids who took part in the ice-cream making competition at the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show last year were: 1 quart of cream, 3 quarts of milk, and two pints of strawberry juice. The girls made an ice-cream containing about 75 per cent. of fat.

THE MARLBOROUGH MARRIAGE ANNULMENT.

STORM IN ROMAN CATHOLIC
CIRCLES.

A QUESTION OF COERCION.

A discovery of far-reaching importance has arisen between the Episcopal Church of the United States and the Roman Catholic Church over the recent annulment by the latter of the marriage of Consuelo Vanderbilt, now the wife of Count Balsan, and the Duke of Marlborough.

The grounds of the annulment were that the then Miss Vanderbilt had been coerced to marry the duke.

A denunciation, before the full congregation at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, by Dr. Manning, the Episcopal Bishop of New York, of the action of the Vatican supreme tribunal as "an unwarrantable intrusion and impertinence" elicited caustic replies from various Roman Catholic authorities, who accused Dr. Manning of "religious demagogism."

In the absence of Cardinal Hayes, Bishop Dunn of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, issued a long statement, in which, after referring to "the amazing and shocking exposure contained in sworn evidence submitted to the Rota" (the Vatican tribunal), he says: "It did seem that the days of making women captives and holding them captives for marriage had passed. History records how the Church thundered against Emperor, King, and Prince to crush this evil."

"Buying of Woman."

"By her defence, no matter what it cost, of the freedom of individuals who are contracting parties to marriage, she has always protested, and will protest against the buying and selling of women in marriage."

"The Catholic Church, in this instance, is simply defending the sanctity of marriage when it applies to the Marlborough marriage what it has applied since the dawn of Christianity in similar instances—namely, the principle 'Whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder,' and that at the moment of union it is God and not Mammon that made the union."

Bishop Dunn finally defends the right of the Vatican to pass judgment on the Marlborough marriage because "it is not legislating for civil effects" but "merely counselling the followers of Christ in matters of conscience."

"Ravings."

Archbishop Curley's comment is far more personal. He says, "I am not interested in the duke or worried about the ravings of Dr. Manning. There is no one more careful about marriages than Rome. She is sure of her ground before acting and does not concern herself about the criticism of Protestant Episcopal bishops."

The Rev. John Wynne, Editor of the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, tells Dr. Manning "not to worry about the consequences of this case for the sanctity of marriages. The scandal he should fear, if any, is not a declaration that the parties to the invalid marriage were never really married but that all concerned at the time of the ceremony were not more particular and conscientious about permitting it."

Mr. John Belford, of the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity, is equally emphatic and personal. He says, "Bishop Manning is talking through his hat. He has said many foolish things in his day, but never anything more foolish than this. There is no invasion of religious liberty whatever. I think the Bishop should mind his own business."

THE "RIVER CLYDE" IN THE THAMES.

NOW A SPANISH COLLIER.

In the dim light of a recent November morning there steamed forth from one of the piers at the Beckton, East Ham, E., works of the Gas Light and Coke Company a collier, dirty and smoke-stained, whose name lives in history.

She is now the Spanish ship *Angela*, bringing coal from the United States to London, but she was H.M.S. *River Clyde*, and played a brave part in the landing at Gallipoli on April 25th, 1915. It was from her that two battalions of the 29th Division landed on the beach between Cape Helles and Suddul Bahr. The ship, full of troops, was run ashore, and great doors which had been cut in her sides allowed of a rapid disembarkation.

Twelve Maxims were on her lower bridge and bows to sweep the shore while the troops landed. Commander Urwin, in command of the *River Clyde* in this exploit, was awarded the V.C.

Salved after the war, the ship, whose tonnage is 3,133, was sold by the Government to Spain. Her memory was honoured when she came into the Thames. Nobody called her *Angela*. It was always *River Clyde*, the Dardanelles ship, you know.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

New Year's Eve.
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Rocky: Club "A" v. University.
King's Park, 4.45 p.m.
New Year's Eve Social Union Church.
Lecture Hall, Kennedy Road, 7.30 p.m.
H.K. and Repulse Bay and King Edward Hotels New Year's Eve Carnivals.

Lane, Crawford's Restaurant New Year's Eve Carnival.

Kowloon Hotel dinner dance.
President's annual dance at Craigengower Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

Bishop of London guest of honour at a Chinese dinner arranged by the Hong Kong Chinese Church Body.

Watch Night Service, St. Peter's Church, 11 p.m.; also at Union Church, Kennedy Road, 11.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Sally."

World Theatre: "The Kid."

Star Theatre: "Below the Line."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia and New Zealand (St. Albans), 2.30 p.m.

Saturday.

New Year's Day.

Bishop of London leaves for Singapore on *Hakone Maru*.

New Year Golf Meeting at Fanning.

Yachting: Week-end Club Cruise (1st to 3rd).

Cricket: Navy v. H.K.C.C. (Club ground).

Race for non-winning ponies, Happy Valley, 11 a.m.

K.C.C. annual children's sports and Xmas Tree, etc., 2 p.m.

Police Recreation Club entertain children to Xmas Tree, etc.

Fanning Hunt meet. Souza's Bungalow, 2.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: St. Andrew's v. St. George's, Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 a.m.

Repulse Bay Hotel tea dance.

Carnival dance Hotel Savoy.

Queen's Theatre: "Sally."

World Theatre: "The Kid."

Star Theatre: "Below the Line."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (*Hakone Maru*), 9.30 a.m.; Canada, America, etc., and Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (*President Lincoln*), noon.

Sunday.

Fanning Hunt meet. Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads, 10 a.m.

New Year Golf Meeting at Fanning.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (*President Grant*).

Monday.

New Year Golf Meeting at Fanning.

Cricket: Navy v. H.K.C.C. (Club ground).

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*President Adams*); Australia and Manila (*Arafura*).

Tuesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (*Hong Peng*). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (*Amazona*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Annual fancy dress dance of pupils of Central British School, Kowloon, 5.30—7.30 p.m.

Thursday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*President Cleveland*). Outward: Canada, America, etc., Europe via Vancouver and via Siberia (*Empress of Asia*), 10 a.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

TALLER GUARDSMEN.

Following on recent news of the new stoutness and increased professional keenness to be found in the Royal Navy we learn that the British Army to-day, in point of the physique, character, and general intelligence of the men composing it, is assessed at a standard nearly 30 per cent. above that reached before the Great War.

Because of the number and quality of the recruits now being obtained, numerous regiments have lately still further raised the level of qualifications required for enlistment. The officer commanding the Grenadier Guards, who are now over strength, has put the standard height up to 5ft. 6in. again. Owing to the difficulty of getting six-foot men good enough for the Grenadiers, the standard was reduced to 5ft. 10in. in April of this year.

The officer in charge of the Central London Recruiting Depot recently stated that out of every 100 men who are now presenting themselves for service, only 16 are being accepted, and there is no difficulty, even after such searching selection, in keeping every unit at full establishment.

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FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS CHINA.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS.

FULL TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM.

JUSTICE OF CHINA'S CLAIM TO TREATY
REVISION RECOGNISED.

Great Britain's Memorandum to the Washington Treaty Powers concerning foreign policy towards China has now been released for publication. As will be seen it is proposed that China's claims to tariff autonomy and treaty revision should be recognised and a declaration issued to this effect. This was the procedure urged by Dr. C. C. Wu at Shanghai recently. Dr. Wu declared that such a declaration would remove the last obstacle to friendship and a substantial understanding. It seems probable that a very considerable forward step will have been made towards satisfying at any rate the moderate sections of the Kuomintang Party.

The Memorandum, which is now being considered by the Powers, is as follows:

"For some time past His Majesty's Government have watched with growing anxiety the situation in China and they believe that this anxiety will be shared by the governments of the interested Powers. Five years ago the Powers assembled at Washington and taking into consideration the circumstances then existing in China they agreed amongst themselves, in conjunction with representatives of the Chinese government, that their future policy should be guided by certain general principles designed to safeguard the integrity and independence of China, to promote her political and economic development and the rehabilitation of her finances. It was agreed to grant her certain increases on her treaty tariff in order to provide the revenue required for these purposes. It was further agreed that a Commission should examine the question of extra-territoriality with a view to amending the system now in force by the elimination of abuses and accretions and by the removal of unnecessary limitations on China's sovereignty.

Delay of Conferences.

"2. Unfortunately the Tariff Conference did not meet for four years and during that period the situation had greatly deteriorated. During a succession of civil wars the authority of the Peking government had diminished almost to vanishing point, while in the south a powerful Nationalist Government at Canton definitely disputed the right of the government at Peking to speak on behalf of China or enter into binding engagements in her name. This process of disintegration of civil war and want of central authority continued with increased acceleration after the Tariff Conference had met until eventually conference negotiations came to an end because there was no longer a government with whom to negotiate.

No Commission.

"3. The Commission on extra-territoriality has meanwhile completed its labours and presented its reports, but here again we are faced with a similar difficulty due to the disintegration of China. Recommendations contained in the report, while suggesting certain reforms capable of being carried into immediate effect, pre-suppose for their full execution the existence of a government possessing authority to enter into engagements on behalf of the whole of China.

"4. During all these civil wars it has been the consistent policy of His Majesty's Government to abstain from any interference between warring factions or rival governments. Despite disorders which civil war engenders and on vast commercial interests both Chinese and foreign, His Majesty's Government have declined to associate themselves with any particular faction or to interfere in any way in civil commotions. His Majesty's Government believe that the Powers have adopted a similar attitude and that this is and will continue to be the only rightful attitude to maintain.

Present Situation.

"5. The situation which exists in China to-day is thus entirely different from that which faced the Powers at the time they framed the Washington treaties. In the present state of confusion though some progress has been made by means of local negotiation and agreements with regional governments, it has not been possible for the Powers to proceed with the larger programme of treaty revision which was fore-shadowed at Washington or to arrive at a settlement of any of the outstanding questions relating to the position of foreigners in China. The political disintegration in China has, however, been accompanied by a powerful nationalist movement which aimed at gaining for China an equal place among the nations and any failure to meet this movement with sympathy and understanding would not respond to the real intentions of the Powers towards China.

"6. His Majesty's Government, after carefully reviewing the position desire to submit their considered opinion as to the course which the Washington Treaty Powers should now adopt. His Majesty's Government propose that these governments shall issue a statement setting forth the essential facts of the situation, declaring their readiness to negotiate on treaty revision and all other outstanding questions as soon as the Chinese themselves have constituted a government to pursue a constructive policy in harmony with the

spirit of the Washington Conference but developed and adapted to meet the altered circumstances of the present time.

Legitimate Aspirations.

"7. His Majesty's Government propose that in this joint declaration the Powers should make it clear that in their constructive policy they desire to go as far as possible towards meeting the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese nation. They should abandon the idea that the economic and political development of China can only be secured under foreign tutelage and should declare their readiness to recognise her right to enjoy tariff autonomy as soon as she herself has settled and promulgated a new national tariff. They should expressly disclaim any intention of forcing foreign control upon an unwilling China. While calling upon China to maintain that respect for the sanctity of the treaties which is the primary obligation common to all civilized States, the Powers should yet recognize both the essential justice of the Chinese claim for treaty revision and the difficulty under present conditions of negotiating new treaties in the place of old, and they should therefore modify their traditional attitude of rigid insistence on the strict letter of treaty rights.

Ineffective Protests.

"During this possibly very prolonged period of uncertainty the Powers can only, in the view of His Majesty's Government, adopt an expectant attitude and endeavour to shape developments so far as possible in conformity with the realities of the situation, so that, ultimately, when treaty revision becomes possible, it will be found that part at least of the revision has already been effected on satisfactory lines. It would therefore be wise to abandon the policy of ineffective protest over minor matters, reserving protest which should then be made effective by united action for cases where vital interests are at stake. Every case should be considered on its merits and the declaration should show that the Powers are prepared to consider in a sympathetic spirit any reasonable proposals that Chinese authorities wherever situated may make, even if contrary to strict interpretation of treaty rights, in return for fair and considerate treatment of foreign interests by them. Declaration should show that it is the policy of the Powers to endeavour to maintain harmonious relations with China without waiting or insisting on the prior establishment of a strong Central Government.

Equality of Surtaxes.

"8. It is the explicit hope of His Majesty's Government that the Powers will agree to adopt the principles of policy outlined above and apply them to the realities of the present situation. Certain recommendations in the report of the Commission on Extra-territoriality referred to in paragraph 3 above, and certain other reforms not covered by that Commission's report but falling under the general heading of extra-territoriality, can be carried into effect, even in present conditions, without great delay. There is however one step of more immediate importance which in the view of His Majesty's Government the Powers should now take at the earliest opportunity. It is that the Powers should agree to make to undo the evil results which have flowed from the failure of the Tariff Conference to implement the promises as to tariff increases made by the Powers to China nearly five years ago, and they propose therefore that the Powers should agree to the immediate unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes.

"9. By the China Customs Treaty, signed at Washington on February 8th, 1922, the Powers promised the grant to China of certain tariff increases (commonly known as the Washington surtaxes) for such purposes and under such conditions as a special conference might determine. That special conference, is the Tariff Conference which, after a delay of nearly four years, met in Peking on October 28th, 1925, and has now to all intents and purposes definitely failed. The promised surtaxes have not been granted. The foreign delegations were not satisfied with the assurances which the Chinese delegation offered at the session of March 18th, as to the purposes to which the Chinese government would devote the proceeds of the surtaxes. They were prepared to grant them only on conditions which ensured that the proceeds

would be placed under foreign control and applied in great part to the liquidation of unsecured debt.

Without Strings.

"10. From the very outset His Majesty's Government were opposed to the question of unsecured debt being dealt with by the Tariff Conference at all and they frankly expressed this view in a confidential memorandum communicated to the Consortium Powers early in 1923. They foresaw that it might defeat the intentions of the Washington Conference which were to assist the economic and political development of China and to relax, not to tighten, for control. They held that the object of the concession proposed at the Washington Conference being to benefit China, the principal purposes to which the proceeds of the surtaxes should be devoted ought to be productive objects such as railway construction and social or economic reforms which would be a permanent benefit to China as a whole. The most promising of these reforms was in their opinion the abolition of Likin which moreover was expressly contemplated in the treaty.

"11. It has been argued that debt consolidation would also be a permanent benefit to China because it would restore China's credit. This argument would doubtless be valid if there were a government in effective control over the whole country, but in China to-day debt consolidation could only enable the faction which happened to be in power in Peking to resort to fresh ruinous and unproductive borrowing. His Majesty's Government were therefore opposed to making consolidation of unsecured debt one of the purposes to be attained by the Tariff Conference although their own nationals were directly interested in funding of some of these debts.

Customs Control.

"12. Further objection to the inclusion of unsecured debt amongst subjects to be dealt with at the Tariff Conference was brought into relief by the grant in principle of tariff autonomy. That raised at once in acute form the question of the control of Customs revenues. His Majesty's Government viewed with grave misgiving the proposal that foreign control should be extended over additional revenues which might be increased by tariff autonomy.

Times Have Changed.

"In 1921 it was natural that the Powers should demand guarantees for due fulfilment of the benevolent purposes which the Washington Conference aimed at achieving. But what might have been practicable in 1921 was no longer possible in 1926. It was obvious that China would not submit to any extension of foreign control either for debt consolidation or for abolition of Likin, and it seemed to His Majesty's Government that for the Powers to unite in an attempt to impose control upon an unwilling China would be entirely opposed to the spirit of the Washington treaties and to the policy which His Majesty's Government had consistently advocated. At the same time His Majesty's Government felt that it was essential that the Washington promises so long overdue should be implemented. Accordingly on May 23rd last, in reply to an enquiry from the United States Government as to the attitude of His Majesty's Government towards the Tariff Conference, they proposed in a memorandum, copy of which is annexed hereto, that the Powers should abstain from any attempt to exact guarantees or conditions but should forthwith authorize the levy of the surtaxes.

Cantonese Direct Action.

"13. Owing to the collapse of the Conference no action on this proposal was possible. The situation however suddenly developed in the very direction which was anticipated when the proposal was made. The Cantonese did in fact seize the Washington surtaxes by levying in defiance of treaties certain additional taxes on the foreign trade of the port. His Majesty's Government have with much reluctance joined in the protest against the new taxes for the sake of maintaining solidarity with the Powers but they are not satisfied that this is the right policy for the present situation. They regret that they did not more insistently press their views at an earlier stage of the Conference, but they think that it is still not too late, despite the protest, already made to return to the alternative course proposed in the memorandum of May 23rd. His Majesty's Government therefore strongly urge that the Powers should now authorize the immediate levy of the Washington surtaxes unconditionally throughout China. They hope that this may provide a basis for regularising the position at Canton.

Out-of-Date Treaties.

"14. The principal objection that will probably be made to this proposal is that in strict logic it would amount to a condoning a breach of treaty. This argument however does not sufficiently take into account the realities of the situation. The basic facts of the present situation are that treaties are now admittedly in many respects out-of-date and that in any attempt to secure revision, the Chinese are confronted on the one hand with the internal difficulty of their own disunion and on the other hand with the external difficulty of obtaining the unanimous concurrence of the Powers. The

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FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS CHINA (CONT'D.)

latest instance of this is the failure of the attempt to alter the tariff of 1923. His Majesty's Government attach the greatest importance to the sanctity of treaties, but they believe that this principle may best be maintained by a sympathetic adjustment of treaty rights to the equitable claims of the Chinese. Protests should be reserved for cases where there is an attempt at wholesale repudiation of treaty obligations or an attack on legitimate and vital interests of foreigners in China, and in these cases protests should be made effective by united action of the Powers.

Hope for United Action.

15. His Majesty's Government have consistently carried out the obligation to full and frank consultation imposed on all Powers alike by Article 7 of the Nine Power Pact and it has been their constant aim—sometimes even when this involved a sacrifice of their own opinion—to maintain the solidarity of the Powers. It is in pursuance of this aim that His Majesty's Government are now communicating to the Powers this statement of the principle by which they believe policy should be guided in the future. They feel assured that the Powers will share the anxiety of His Majesty's Government to act towards China in the spirit which inspired the Washington treaties and it is their earnest hope that the Powers will agree that the spirit cannot better be fulfilled than by adopting the policy which is now presented for consideration.

Question of Banking.

16. It seems to His Majesty's Government that the first step towards the carrying of this new policy into effect should be the immediate unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes. Let it be supposed that the grant of surtaxes may favour one faction at the expense of others and so provide a further incentive to civil war. His Majesty's Government deem it important to point out that no conditions would be attached to the grant, the proceeds of the surtaxes would not necessarily be remitted by Commissioners of Customs to the custodian bankers at Shanghai. In dealing in each case for the competent Chinese authorities to decide all questions as to the disposition and banking of these additional revenues. His Majesty's Government would be glad to learn at the earliest possible moment whether the Powers agree to the unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes.

Memorandum of May 24th.

Following is the memorandum received to above:

"His Majesty's Government have received through the United States Embassy in London a message from the United States Government enquiring whether His Majesty's Government endorse the attitude ascribed to the British Delegation in Peking of desiring to abandon negotiations at Peking and break up the Tariff Conference; and expressing the hope that His Majesty's Government will continue to co-operate with the other interested Powers in bringing to a conclusion the task which began last October.

"His Majesty's Government desire to assure the United States Government that the report received by them that the British delegation desire to withdraw from the negotiations at Peking appears to be based on a complete misunderstanding. His Majesty's Government have no intention whatever of breaking up the Tariff Conference. It is true that the question has been considered whether at the present juncture it might not be convenient to arrange for a brief suspension of the Conference over the summer months. It was realized that in the existing political circumstances the suspension of the Conference might prove to be more prolonged than was intended and in order to prevent the possibility of misunderstanding as to the sincerity of the Powers, His Majesty's Government consider it to be of the greatest importance that before even such a suspension as above contemplated took place, there must be, firstly, a complete liquidation of the promises made at Washington.

Powers Misunderstanding.

A considerable interchange of views has however taken place between the Foreign Office and the delegation in regard to the proceedings of the Conference on the subject of unsecured debts, and it is probable that the misunderstanding to which a reference is made above, has arisen in consequence of the attitude which the Delegation has been instructed to take on this matter, and which was formally stated by the Chief British Delegate at the meeting at the Netherlands Legation on May 6th.

"The United States Government will no doubt recollect that His Majesty's Government were from the first averse to the imposition on the Chinese Government of any scheme of consolidation of unsecured debt as part of the work of the Tariff Conference and that they only agreed later and with great reluctance to discuss any such scheme at the Conference. If the schemes of the foreign delegations for consolidating unsecured debt should postulate too strict control over China's Customs revenues (shortly to be increased by tariff autonomy), His Majesty's Government are afraid that a dangerous deadlock may arise for discussions on this subject show that the Chinese, though willing to bind themselves to devote a proportion of their revenues to unsecured debt consolidation, have declined to allow the details to be settled by the tariff conference and will refuse to submit to any foreign control for that or any other purpose over China's Customs revenues.

Foreign Control.

"His Majesty's Government after full consideration and prolonged consultation with their delegation in Peking have come to the conclusion that while they are ready to agree to any reasonable scheme for dealing with unsecured debts, put forward by the Chinese and agreed to by the other Powers, it would not be right for them to associate themselves with any attempt to force upon the Chinese a greater degree of foreign control of the revenues for that purpose than they are prepared voluntarily to concede. A policy involving an increase of foreign control and capable of being regarded as an encroachment on that sovereignty and independence of China which the Powers agreed at Washington to respect, is so fundamentally opposed to the traditional policy of the United States towards China that His Majesty's Government are disposed to believe that the State Department will share their anxiety on the subject. It is true that His Majesty's Government originally desired to exact proper guarantees from China in regard to the abolition of 'likin' as a condition precedent to the grant of the Washington surtaxes, but they have come to the conclusion, in the altered circumstances and changed atmosphere, that to-day any attempt to insist on guarantees against the will of the Chinese Government would only result in postponing indefinitely the liquidation of the Washington promises. They are as anxious as the United States Government fully to implement these promises at the earliest possible moment and believe that it would be contrary to the intentions of both Governments, both at and subsequent to the Washington Conference, to subordinate the fulfilment of these promises to the imposition upon China of a scheme for the consolidation of her unsecured debts and the extension of foreign control of her customs revenues.

"Any failure to implement the Washington Treaty might create a very dangerous situation and His Majesty's Government now therefore hold the view that if any reasonable assurances are given by the Chinese Government as to the use which it proposes to make of the new revenues, the Powers should accept such assurances, abstain from any attempt to impose control or exact guarantees, and forthwith authorize the levy of the surtaxes. They feel confident that a policy so closely in accord with the friendship and generosity always displayed by the United States of America towards the people of China will receive the full and cordial support of the United States Government."

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THE ARMY WIN.

This match was resumed at noon yesterday when Lieut. Smith and Master-Gunner Fogden resumed their innings, and managed to add 14 runs before the latter got his leg in front of a straight one from the Colonel, who with Beatty bowled for the two overs odd each. After a couple of singles had been scored by Smith it appeared as if he had been run out from some angles, but the umpire's decision was in his favour, and he managed to bang a couple of fours more. His innings of 33 not out was an uncommonly useful one and as things turned out probably made all the difference, as 42 runs were put on after the eighth wicket fell, and though the Army won by more than that well, you never know.

The Navy Struggle Hard.

Set with 220 runs to get to win the Navy's chances did not appear too excellent, but they had a chance, especially if they could get through their half hour's batting before the half hour's bowling. But they could not. Hussey failed to resist the flesh—or was it the devil?—and had a bang at Hankey; but he was taken shoulder-high near the screen by Wright.

Shortly after the Armitage who usually is a tower of strength coked one back to the bowler, after playing with considerable restraint for about 35 minutes and four runs. Things started to look up then for the Navy as Sparkes and Brewerton began to settle down, and the latter was dropped at the wicket. But again misfortune dogged the Navy and Sparkes was out to a ball from Dobbie which kicked up, hit him almost shoulder high, and dropped on to the wicket. Dobbie was bowling very well at this period but though few runs were given away he failed to get the batsmen out.

Venn also was unlucky, as he was easily caught at the wicket from a ball outside his legs which hit his glove and went up as an easy chance. (57.4.3.)

The Navy Rally.

At this point again a change seemed to come over the face of the game. Brewerton continued to play excellent cricket and Newall hung on. When at last the latter was beaten by Dobbie 85 were on the board, and the Colonel came along and got going. The Navy seemed to have quite a good chance with 120 up for five and two men set.

Disaster.

Disaster, however, fell on them when Brewerton went for run, not seeing that Cantrell, who had turned play it to leg, was off his balance. Both batsmen were at the same end and though Cantrell went for it like a hare he was out by a foot. This seemed to upset Brewerton and he was, c and b off a skyer in trying to pull a full toss round to square leg.

The only other resistance was offered by Shaw and Emley but Lightfoot came on, and in three balls finished the innings, leaving the Army victorious by 66 runs.

On the whole the best side won. The Navy batting was not convincing and they never recovered from their poor first innings score. They will have to do very much better to beat the Club on Saturday and Monday next.

R. ABBIT.

Full score and analysis:—

1st INNINGS OF ARMY.

Capt. Evers, c Armitage, b Sturges	23
Lieut. Hankey, c Venn, b Beatty	5
Capt. Bridgeland, c Venn, b Beatty	25
Capt. Morris, st. Venn, b Beatty	78
Capt. Dobbie, b Beatty	18
Major Light, b Beatty	9
Capt. Thorpe, b Beatty	0
Lieut. Wright, b Beatty	0
Capt. Bevis, c and b Emley	0
Lieut. Smith, b Emley	5
Mtr. Gnr. Fogden, not out	9
Byes 21, lb. 1	22
Total	200

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Col. Cantrell 16	1	51	0
Lt.-Col. Beatty 24.4	0	75	7
Lt. Sturges	3	0	20
Lt. Emley	6	0	32

2nd INNINGS OF NAVY.

Lieut. Comdr. Armitage, b Dobbie	21
Lieut. Col. Cantrell, R.M., c Dobbie, b Hankey	15
Flight-Lt. Brewerton, R.A.F., lb.w. b Dobbie	0
Flight-Lieut. Newall, R.A.F., b Dobbie	15
Pay-Lieut. Hussey, R.N., c Morris, b Dobbie	22
Rev. Venn, R.N., b Dobbie	6
Pay-Lieut. Cdr. Shaw, R.N., b Dobbie	0
Lieut. Sturges, R.N., c Evers, b Dobbie	14
Lt. Emley, R.N., b Dobbie	4
Lieut. Sparkes, R.N., not out	4
Lieut. Comdr. Beatty, R.N., c and b Dobbie	0
Byes 5, lb. 7	12
Total	113

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Dobbie	17.3	7	42
Lt. Hankey	13	3	47
Major Lightfoot	3	0	7
Lt. Wright	2	0	5

2nd INNINGS OF ARMY.

Capt. Evers, b Beatty	12
Major Lightfoot, b Cantrell	15
Capt. Bridgeland, b Cantrell	0
Lieut. Hankey, c and b Beatty	4
Capt. Morris, c Armitage, b Cantrell	22
Capt. Dobbie, c Brewerton, b Cantrell	0
Capt. Thorpe, c Emley, b Cantrell	14
Lieut. Wright, b Beatty	2
Capt. Bevis, run out	15
Lieut. Smith, not out	32
Mtr. Gnr. Fogden, lb.w., b Cantrell	1
Byes 13, wides 2	15
Total	123

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Col. Beatty 21	5	54	3
Lt.-Col. Cantrell 20.2	3	63	6

2nd INNINGS OF NAVY.

Lieut. Cdr. Armitage, R.N., c and b Hankey	4
Pay-Lieut. Hussey, R.N., c Wright, b Hankey	7
Lieut. Sparkes, R.N., b Dobbie	17
Flt.-Lt. Brewerton, R.A.F., c and b Wright	80
Rev. Venn, R.N., c Fogden, b Dobbie	3
Flt.-Lt. Newall, R.A.F., b Dobbie	11
Lieut. Col. Cantrell, R.M., run out	14
Lieut. Sturges, R.N., c Dobbie, b Hankey	1
Pay-Lt. Cdr. Shaw, R.N., b Lightfoot	13
Lt. Emley, R.N., not out	8
Lt.-Col. Beatty, R.N., b Lightfoot	10
Byes 6, lb. 4	10
Total	153

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobbie	28	9	52
Hankey	21	3	43
Morris	3	0	12
Wright	6	1	37
Lightfoot	0.3	0	1
Fall of the wickets:—1 for 9; 2/25; 3/51; 4/57; 5/85; 6/122; 7/126; 8/131; 9/133; 10/153.			

UNIVERSITY PAST v. PRESENT.

The teams in the Past v. Present Hong Kong University match on January 1st, 1927, at 10.45 a.m. sharp on the Pavilion ground will be:—

Present:—A. A. Rumjahn (capt.), Dr. R. A. Forsyth, Prof. F. A. Redmond, C. W. Lam, B. P. Ng, D. Laing, W. H. Sling, B. N. Sudan, E. Zimmerman, S. V. Gittins, and S. Karmali. Scorer: C. L. Tan. Umpire: H. T. Barma.

Past:—Ng Sze Kwong (capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, Dr. D. K. Samy, W. M. Gittins, C. Choa, W. Lock Wei, Yung Hin Lun, H. C. Hunt, J. L. Youngs, T. E. Yeoh, and H. Q. Hunt. Scorer: Mr. A. Khan. Umpire: F. Hiptoola.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. "TAMAR" WITHDRAW FROM LEAGUE.

It is understood that H.M.S. "Tamar" has withdrawn from both the Hong Kong Football League and the Hong Kong Football Association, and the H.K.F.C. match with the "Tamar" has, in consequence, been cancelled.

On New Year's Day there are only two First Division games, these being between the Chinese Athletic and South China on the Sookunpoo "A" ground, and the Hong Kong F.C. v. the Royal Artillery. The latter is a postponed fixture.

The Kowloon-Police match has been postponed until the following Saturday, January 8th.

Married v. Single.

The annual match of the Married v. Single of the Kowloon Football Club is to be played at 11 a.m. tomorrow. The teams will be:—

Married:—Moore, H. K. Wheeler and Knight, W. H. Brown, McKeivie, and Pasco, F. C. G. G. Millard, Hayes, Spary and W. M. Mason.

Single:—Jones, Guest, and Cavelle; Duncan, Sims, and Baldwin; Pile, Vickers, F. G. L. Wheeler, Muir and Eastman.

The Second Division League match between Kowloon Reserves and the H.K.F.C. Reserves fixed for New Year's Day has been postponed.

UNITED SERVICES COMPETITION.

RESULTS OF THE SECOND ROUND.

The results of the second round in the United Services Football Competition are as under:—

Seniors:—K.O.S.B. beat H.M.S. "Vindictive," 2-1.

H.M.S. "Despatch" scratched to H.M.S. "Hermes."

R.A. beat H.M. Submarine, 3-1.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat H.M.S. "Ambrose," 2-0.

Juniors:—H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat R.A.M.C., 1-0.

H.M.S. "Tamar" beat H.M.S. "Ironclad," 2-1.

(Continued on next column).

CRICKET NOTES.

Although no progress has been made in the League, there has been no dearth of Cricket this last week. The outstanding match was that between the Club and the Army. I have already dealt pretty fully with this, and I would merely emphasize that it was most sporting of the fielding side to go on without an appeal against the light. It is not the batsman who suffers most, though at first glance it would appear. He has the screen to throw the ball up, and in this particular case, I incline to think that he was content to have a fairly general idea of the direction and pitch of the ball. Given these, the bat was swung firmly and away the ball went. The batsmen may have known where, but the fielders certainly did not. However, it is all in keeping with the tradition of the game.

Are Cricketers as Keen as of Old?

There was one point that struck me very forcibly. In the old days the Christmas and New Year games were talked about for weeks in advance, and competition was very keen. Yet this year the side was not selected by Friday night. Two or three of the Club's regular supporters were playing for the Volunteers. Some were sick, or unable for other reasons to turn out. But I can see no reason why the team should not have been on the board by Wednesday at the latest. These holiday matches are the nearest thing we get to Interport trials, and it will be a sad day for Hong Kong cricket when we find no interest being taken in them. It is up to the Selection Committee to attend to the matter. I don't know who they are, but I hope we shall see a better side out next week end v. the Navy.

The Navy and Kowloon.

Colonel Cantrell apparently finds the air of Kowloon particularly invigorating. On Monday last after taking Ramsay's wicket in his second over he rested himself for a bit, but on resuming took the next seven consecutive wickets. Beatty robbed him of the chance of all ten by taking a couple at the end. Not content with this the Colonel, who recently made a hundred against the K.C.C. and received the usual bat, proceeded to Christen that same bat by getting 85 with it. A very fine all-round performance.

Brace and Fincher (E.C.) for Kowloon, played very attractive cricket, while most of the Navy bats did something. I am not, however, optimistic of their chances against the Club over the week end, if the Club can field a representative side. It is unfortunate that Parker finds it so difficult to get off.

Club v. Navy.

Since I wrote the above notes I learn that the above-mentioned match will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday (to-morrow) and will be continued either at that hour or at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, which has now been declared a general holiday. I am informed that the Hong Kong Club will be represented by Hancock, Pearce, Owen Hughes, Bowker, Hayward, Mitchell, Sayer, Gardner, Vallack, Hinton and Lyal. The Navy will rely on the side that was yesterday defeated by the Army. Of course, arguing logically, the Club should beat the Navy comfortably but Cricket is a queer game and I have an idea that the Navy will win—chiefly because they ought not to on form. The last time I had that feeling I said Shanghai would win the Interport and they did! However, we shall see.

The only other game of which I have information is that between the C.S.C.C. and the R.E.'s and K.C.S. at Happy Valley to-morrow.

R. ABBIT.

H.M.S. "Hollyhock" scratched to H.M.S. "Marion."

H.M.S. "Vindictive" beat H.M.S. "Wolver," 4-0.

Small Units beat H.M. Submarines by 3-1.

H.M.S. "Despatch" scratched to R.A.

H.M.S. "Herald" beat H.M.S. "Foghorn," 2-0.

K.O.S.B.'s beat H.M.S. "Hermes" in the re-play, after extra time, 3-1.

The senior semi-finals will be played on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo. Kick-off at 3 p.m. each day.

Tuesday, Jan. 4th: K.O.S.B.'s v. H.M.S. "Hermes."

Wednesday, Jan. 5th: R.A. v. H.M.S. "Hawkins."

45 minutes each way will be played, and, if necessary, extra ten ten-minutes each way.

Admission to stands, 20 cents and 10 cents.

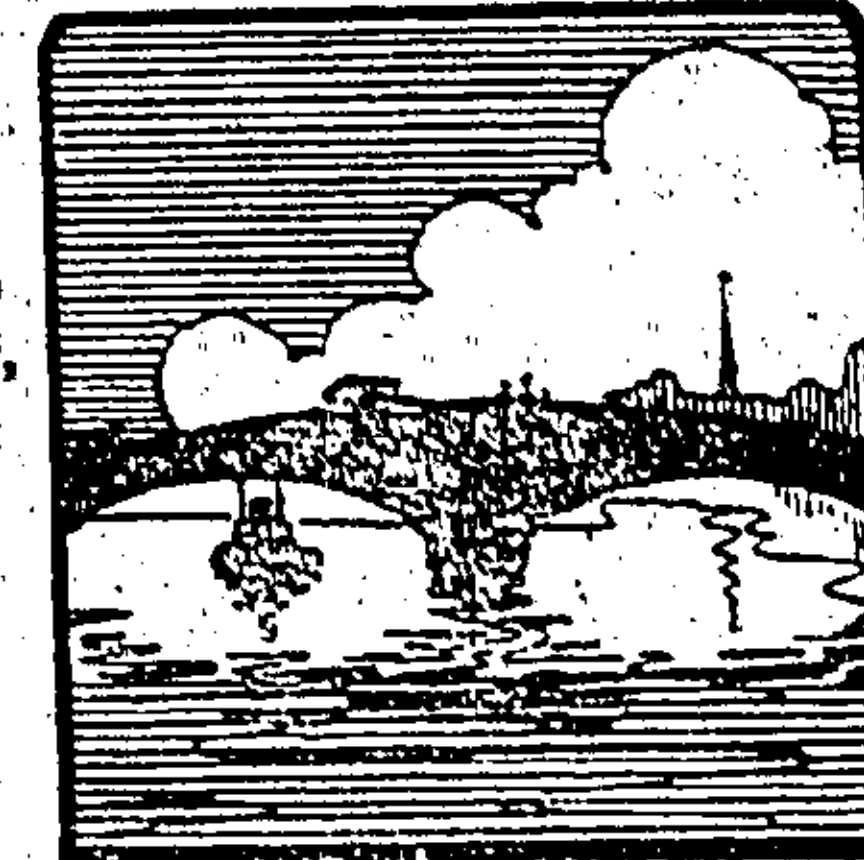
The junior third round will be played during the week ending January 8th.

Hong Kong F.C. v. R.A.

This game will be played on the Club Ground on Saturday, January 1st. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

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SERVICES CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH.

The annual services charity football match in aid of Naval and Military charities will take place on Saturday, January 8th, on the Army ground at Sookunpoo at 4 p.m. instead of New Year's Day as heretofore. As the 1st is a Scottish festival, the Army requested the Navy to postpone the match for a week, which has been kindly arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Football Association.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) has promised to be present and the teams will be lined up before His Excellency prior to the kick off. H.E. Major-General C. C. Liard, C.B., C.M.G. (G.O.C. the Troops, S.C.C.) has kindly consented to kick off.

The Pipe Band of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B.'s by kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Officers of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B.'s will play from 3.30 p.m. During half time Pipe Major W. C. K. Mackie and his Pipers will dance Scottish National dances accompanied by the Band. The South China Athletic Association have presented the football to be used in the match. This ball will be raffled at half time. Tickets for the raffle at 20 cents each will be obtainable on the ground. The price of admission to the covered stand is one dollar and to the open stand 50 cents.

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BRITISH FINANCE.

TERMS OF AN INGENUOUS PLAN TO DEAL WITH WAR LOANS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rome, December 30th.

The terms of the Government's Four Per Cent. Loan, available to cash subscribers at 85 per cent., but primarily designed to secure the conversion of part of the short term debts contracted during the war into a debt of a more permanent form, are published to-day.

At the end of March the National Debt amounted to £7,616,000,000, of which war debt accounts for nearly £7,000,000,000 annually. Over £4,000,000,000 of war debt is in short term debts and falls due for payment on definite dates within the next twenty years. It was borrowed for the most part at five per cent. Since 1920 there has been a marked cheapening of capital, and it was in anticipation of this development that borrowings were for short periods, so that as money became cheaper, dearer loans might be replaced by cheaper issues. A number of these conversion operations has already been carried out. Although the yield of the new loan is less than that afforded by the Five Per Cent. War Loan it is approximately the same, as is obtainable on other long term Government issues and its attraction over them lies in the novel provision for a sinking fund. Whatever may be the amount of the loan the Government undertake for a period of ten years, so long as the price of the loan is at or below par, to spend each three years £2,500,000,000 in the purchase of the loan in the market for cancellation.

The Times says the loan has been skilfully and ingeniously devised. It should not adversely affect prices of existing stocks and it should tend to enhance British credit by avoiding large additions in the coming year to the floating debt.

EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

MUCH DESTRUCTION IN COLOMBIAN FRONTIER TOWNS.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

QUAYAQUIL, Dec. 30th.

It is reported that Colombian frontier towns in Guachaca and Aldana have been destroyed by an earthquake, believed to be connected with the recent eruption at Mount Cumbal. The town of Naranjito has been almost completely destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at over a quarter of a million sterling.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS AND RUM-RUNNING.

A NEW GENERAL RULING ISSUED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Ottawa, Dec. 30th.

The Customs Department has published a general ruling that ships clearing from Canadian ports with cargoes of liquor must prove indubitably that the cargo will be landed at a point for which clearance papers have been granted. Where evidence is adduced that the clearance papers are made out for fictitious trips the liquor cargoes will be seized as contraband.

The Customs officials believe that this will make the American-Canadian anti-Rum-Running Treaty effective.

ITALY AND GERMANY.

THE NEW TREATY SIGNED.

Berlin, December 29th.

The text of the Italo-German Arbitration Treaty, which is valid for ten years, is published.

It provides that mutual disputes, which are insoluble by the ordinary diplomatic channels, must be submitted to an Arbitration Committee of five, consisting of one German, one Italian, and three neutrals, whose report must be accepted or rejected by the signatories within three months. If rejected, they will be presented to a judicial Arbitration Court, whose decision shall be final.

The Treaty does not impinge on the signatories' rights or duties as members of the League of Nations.

The Signatories.

Rome, December 29th.

Dr. Neurath, the German Ambassador to Rome, and Signor Mussolini, has signed the Italo-German Treaty.

CHALLENGE GOLF.

GEORGE DUNCAN LOOSES HIS WAGER.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29th.

Harry Cooper, of El Sereno, has beaten Duncan in the golf challenge match, by seven up and five to play.

George Duncan made a challenge in September to any American Professional for a 72 hole match for \$500. The challenge was eventually accepted by Harry Cooper.

There was an interval of several days between the first and second halves, Cooper being five up at the end of the first half.

U.S. PRESIDENT ON PEACE POLICY.

OBSERVATIONS ON A BATTLE ANNIVERSARY.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Trenton, N.J., Dec. 30th.

On the occasion of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trenton and of Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware River, President Coolidge, in an address at a dinner of the Trenton Historical Society, declared that Americans who wanted peace could not escape great sacrifices. They could secure it sometimes by providing adequate National defence and sometimes, through international covenants, by limiting the scope of their military forces. He did not believe that they could advance the policy of peace by returning to a policy of competitive armaments. While he favoured an adequate Army and Navy, he was opposed to any effort to militarise the nation. Americans could render no better service to humanity than by exerting all their influence to prevent the world slipping back into the grasp of that ravaging system. America was strong and brave enough to take independent action and to resist any attempt at domination of the world by the military spirit.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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WHAT MAJOR SEGRAVE INTENDS TO ATTEMPT.

Rugby, December 30th.

Major Segrave, the prominent British road-racing motorist, will shortly leave for the United States with a 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam car to attempt the speed of 200 miles an hour on the sands of Florida. It is stated that the machine, which weighs 3½ tons, and is equipped with two engines with a total of twenty-four cylinders, is capable of travelling 210 miles an hour. The present world's record is 172 miles an hour.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.

NEW YORK-NEWCASTLE CALL.

VOICE HEARD VERY CLEARLY.

Rugby, December 29th.

In the course of tests made to-day with trans-Atlantic telephony, a call was received at Newcastle from New York, and a three minutes' conversation was held.

The caller's voice could be heard very clearly.

Calls Highly Successful.

Rugby, December 30th.

Widespread interest has been aroused by the announcement that telephone subscribers in the London area will be able early in January to communicate by wireless with subscribers in New York. The fee of £15 for three minutes' conversation is not regarded as prohibitive by business men and it is generally assumed the fee will in time be reduced.

The Post Office undertakes to provide only communication between London and New York, but experiments yesterday with calls between New York and provincial towns, such as Swansea and Newcastle, were highly successful and give prospect of an extension of the service.

BRITISH AIR MINISTER'S GREAT FLIGHT.

ARRIVES SAFELY AT MALTA.

Rugby, December 29th.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, and his party, who are flying to India, landed safely at Malta, this afternoon, in stormy weather.

Off to Tripoli.

Rugby, December 30th.

Air Minister Sir Samuel Hoare left Malta this morning in stormy weather for Homs in Tripoli, which is the next stage of his flight to India. The first of the three Hercules aeroplanes, designed for the Cairo-India service with Sir Sefton Branker on board, has reached Basra and will there await Sir S. Hoare's arrival.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DR. ALEXANDER GOLDSTEIN.

Jerusalem, December 30th.

Dr. Alexander Goldstein, who will start at Kerenahayon on a tour of Australia and New Zealand in January, and will visit India and the Dutch Indies en route.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

GENEROUS PRIZE WINNER.

DR. ELIHU ROOT ENDOWS A QUARTERLY REVIEW.

New York, December 29th.

Senator Elihu Root has given his Woodrow Wilson Prize to constitute the nucleus of an endowment fund to maintain the magazine Foreign Affairs, a quarterly review published in New York, which was originally founded as a non-profit enterprise.

LOANS ON CUSTOMS SURTAXES.

WHAT THE NATIONALISTS HOPE TO DO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, Dec. 30th.

It is understood here that the Nationalists intend collecting Customs surtaxes at Hankow and Kiangling from January 1st. In view of this it is felt that the Fengtienists will not be long in following suit. It is further understood that the Nationalists propose floating a loan on secured surtaxes, which again is an example the Northernists are likely to follow, but financial authorities are of opinion that neither the Nationalists nor the Fengtienists will be able to raise a large loan with such security. They point out that even well-secured loans are now quoted at their lowest and that confidence must be restored before foreigners or Chinese will subscribe to a new loan of any importance.

BELEAGUERED SIANFU.

SIEGE RAISED ON SHENSI'S CAPITAL.

A VICTORY FOR THE "CHRISTIAN GENERAL."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, December 29th.

The sudden and dramatic end of the long struggle which has raged for seven months round Sianfu, is described in despatches from there dated November 29th, and which have just reached Peking.

All day on November 29th, Feng Yu Haiung's relieving force attacked strongly without result and it seemed to the inhabitants of the beleaguered city that there was no hope. But, next morning, the dawn revealed that Liu Chen Hua's army had been routed.

Populace Free Again.

The glad news spread like wild fire and thousands streamed from the gates to breathe again the free air and to see for themselves the deserted trenches and to greet the rescuers. Streams of villagers soon made for the city bringing bags of millet and wheat, and baskets of turnips, onions, eggs and bread. These ordinarily prosaic commodities were handled with awe as though they were most rare and precious jewels. By the afternoon, cart loads of vegetables were rolling into the city and the people crowded around them with tears of joy streaming down their faces.

Terrible Conditions.

For more than a month people had been dying of starvation and cold, at the rate of 850 daily, the figure occasionally exceeding 1,000 when the weather was more than usually severe.

According to a most conservative estimate there were between 15,000 and 20,000 deaths during the siege, not including those killed by stray bullets and fragments of shells.

Sianfu is ruined, and merchants say it will take at least 20 years to recover anything like its former prosperity. Many shops and houses have been gutted and stripped of all timber as well as looted. Trees have disappeared. On the top of trade losses, the merchants and people had to provide the military with funds exceeding \$2,000,000.

Foreign Mission's Splendid Work.

Speaking of the foreign community's experience, the despatches state that despite several foreign houses being hit by shells and peppered by bullets no one was injured, though many had narrow escapes. The Mission hospital rendered splendid service all through, despite the very heavy strain on doctors and nurses.

EMPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN ENGLAND.

Rugby, December 29th.

A project is afoot to establish an Empire Public School in this country.

A group of eminent men are in the scheme, the object of which is to provide boys from Overseas Dominions with an education on the lines of the best traditions of such old England public schools as Eton, Harrow and Rugby. The promoters have been impressed by the difficulty which Dominions boys experience in gaining admission to these English public schools, owing to demands made upon them.

An option has been secured on Brynaston House, at Blandford, Dorsetshire, the former home of Lord Portman and one of the biggest private mansions in the country, which is well adapted for the scheme. All the pupils will be boarders. It is suggested that the school should begin with some sort of an endowment—donations, that can be capitalised. About £100,000 is required, and if this is forthcoming, the school may be opened next September.

FAREWELL 1926.

The 9 p.m. time signals on the wireless must be repeated at midnight on December 31st-January 1st. The last signal will indicate the close of the year 1926.

MEXICO'S LAND AND PETROLEUM LAWS.

STILL A SOURCE OF FRICTION.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Mexico City, Dec. 30th.

President Calles has declined the application of several foreign oil companies for an extension, beyond January 1st, the date on which the new Mexican Land and Petroleum Laws will be enforced.

The companies explained that they were unable to accept the new laws as they stood because of the unprotected properties acquired before 1917.

The President's refusal has also disappointed most of the Mexican Companies which had hoped for a postponement of the date in order to give time to secure an amendment of the law so as to safeguard their rights in the properties acquired before 1917.

President Calles has expressed the opinion that "It is not the oil industry's own interest, but causes far distant which are the underlying motives and attitude of rebellion assumed by some of the oil companies against complying with the law."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

MORE PRESS COMMENT.

London, Dec. 30th.

Discussing the British Memorandum on China the Times says it seems to have annoyed the extremists on the Yangtze—but has undoubtedly produced a favourable impression on the civilised world. It takes the initiative in proposing a policy marked by an attractive boldness, breadth and simplicity, the Government's policy being clearly one of these larger projects which must be taken as a whole with its chief consequences and must be resolutely followed by the British Government. The newspaper adds that it is regretted that they did not press their views earlier, as it is certainly unfortunate that they should now give the appearance of surrendering to force what they long since were ready to concede to reason. The new policy is open to obvious objections, as it is not free from dangers, but it is a large positive policy, free from the taint of self-seeking or of rivalry with others. Thus it correctly reflects the feelings of this country.

U.S. AND NICARAGUA.

AMERICAN INTERVENTION DENOUNCED.

Buenos Aires, December 30th.

A section of the Press disapproves of the United States' intervention in Nicaragua. Senior Jose Leon Suarez, professor of International Law, describes it as being an unjustifiable, military action of a grave character.

A U.S. Censorship.

Managua, December 30th.

It is reported that the United States Naval authorities have established a censorship in the districts of Puerto Cabezas, Rio Grande and El Gallo.

P.W.D. COOLIE KILLED.

KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR ON STANLEY ROAD.

A P.W.D. coolie was knocked down and killed by a motor car between Repulse Bay and Tytarm yesterday afternoon.

It appears from the brief details available last evening, that the unfortunate coolie was walking on the road leading to Stanley, when a private motor-car, No. 34, knocked him down and killed him. The coolie, it is understood, was actually run over by one of the car's wheels. In the car at the time were five Chinese, who it seems got out of the vehicle after the accident. The car ran down the hill, but was soon brought to a standstill by hitting a tree.

Last evening the car, which was practically undamaged, was brought to Police Headquarters.

Traffic and police officer visited the scene of the fatality and carried out investigations. It is understood that some interesting developments are expected.

THE WANTS OF COMMERCE.

PLEA FOR RIGHTFUL CONSIDERATION.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. M. H. Lo, who appeared for Chinese tenants, who were summoned for alleged obstruction of the roadway through the depositing of rolls of matting, pleaded for a "rightful consideration of the wants of the mercantile community of the Colony."

In the course of his arguments, Mr. Lo quoted authorities in support of his submission that no unreasonable use had been made of the highway. The Colony was a centre of commerce, and its trading needs should be given primary consideration.

The case was adjourned until next Thursday for the attendance of a witness who is to be subpoenaed.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

VISITS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

ATTENDS "AT HOME" TO CHINESE CHURCH WORKERS.

ADDRESSES MEN AT CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

Another active day was spent by the Bishop of London yesterday.

He devoted the morning to a tour of the church educational institutions of the Colony, visiting St. Stephen's Girls' College, St. Paul's Girls' School, and St. Paul's Girls' College. His Lordship also inspected the site of the new St. Paul's Girls' College, a visit to the Seamen's Institute and to St. Paul's Boys' College concluded the morning programme.

His Lordship was entertained to dinner at 1 p.m. by Old Marlburians at the Hong Kong Club.

At 4 p.m. he attended an "At Home" to Chinese workers, held in the St. John's Cathedral Hall. Tea was served, and an orchestra from H.M.S. Carlisle played selections. After tea His Lordship addressed the workers on similar lines to the address he delivered the previous evening in the Cathedral. The address, as it was delivered, was translated into Chinese.

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND THE CHURCH.

HIS LORDSHIP'S FORCEFUL ADDRESS TO MEN.

At 9.30 p.m. a service for men only was held in St. John's Cathedral, and was well attended, the congregation including several Service men.

There was a full surpliced choir in attendance, with Mr. F. Mason (Cathedral Organist) at the organ. The Bishop, who attended by his Chaplain (the Rev. H. C. Thomas), the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," opened the service, and prayer was offered by the Rev. H. Copley Myle.

Addressing the gathering from the pulpit, the Bishop said he wanted to discuss three very important questions: First, Is Christianity the final religion? Second, Is it adequate to meet the needs of mankind of to-day? Third, Is the old Church adequate to preach this Gospel to the World?

Christianity Compared.

Dealing with the first question, His Lordship compared Christianity with Chinese ancestor worship, Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Theosophy. He was willing to argue anywhere, even in the open, that Christ had no rival in the world to-day. There was no religion in its force, power, or claims which held a candle to Christianity. His Lordship referring to Theosophy said this taught that "one passed from one stage to another, and from one body to another. Mrs. Besant, the leading Theosophist of the day, had told him that in a previous life he was a Brahmin, and a man. When he asked her how she knew this, Mrs. Besant had replied that he remembered it. He could only reply that she was a very deluded woman.

The whole world, continued the Bishop, was coming around to the opinion that there was nothing which could educate and save the world but the Christian religion. What was needed to-day was not a new religion, but a new heart. What we needed was a Father to plan our life for us.

What God Wants.

"Ask yourself," said His Lordship, "what does God want me to do? He wants you to stand up for him, to be his mouthpiece, and to bear witness for him. Everyone cannot be a saint, but what we need more than anything to-day is good religious sincere laymen. Realise that whatever your life has been, you can make an entirely new start in this New Year, be forgiven, and lead a new life."

The Church Adequate.

Was the church adequate to preach the old Gospel? He looked upon the old church as an old ship, shaken by storm, battered down, but having its treasure safe within its hold. In his opinion, the old church was quite adequate for to-day. He asked his congregation to realise the splendid work missionaries were doing everywhere, especially the women, and remarked that this band of workers were the salt of the earth. Missionary zeal at home, especially in the East End of London, was keener than ever it had been. He believed that the old church was showing more life to-day than it had ever done before. Racial antipathy was only the work of the Devil. It was only Christianity that was going to give life and keep peace in the world, and prevent wars.

The service was concluded with prayer, offered by the Bishop, a Gloria hymn, and the Blessing pronounced by His Lordship.

To-day's Programme.

On his trip to Macao to-day, the Bishop of London will be accompanied by his personal friend, Mr. A. O. Birch, his chaplain (the Rev. H. C. Thomas) and the Rev. H. V. Halvard, chaplain to the Bishop of Victoria.

At Macao, His Lordship and party will be entertained to a dinner, to which will be a witness who is to be subpoenaed.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S EVIDENCE.

PIRATES ORDER "HANDS-UP" IN ENGLISH.

PANTRY BOY SHOT IN THE ARM.

When the "Sunning" piracy case was resumed yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, it was brought to light that one of the pantry boys was shot in the arm whilst crouching in the fo'castle.

He was taken to the hospital upon arrival at Hong Kong and was there a fortnight. Giving evidence yesterday morning the "boy" said that he saw several pirates having a meal in the European Saloon at about 10 or 11 p.m. Amongst those who partook of the food, witness identified the second defendant.

Hid in a Dog Kennel.

Wong Ngok, a "boy" to the Chief Engineer said that he was in the pantry when the pirates entered and ordered him to go to his own cabin. He remained in his cabin until shortly after midnight when the shooting commenced on the bridge. He saw six pirates taking a meal in the Saloon and of the six, witness was able to identify the first and second defendants. He was very frightened and managed to make his escape to the poop deck where he hid himself in a dog kennel until after the pirates had left the ship.

Thoughtful of Ship's Property.

A first-class cabin boy's evidence was to the effect that he was forced by the pirates to stay in the Saloon until midnight. Witness was able to identify the first accused as the man who compelled him to open the Comptroller's cabin and further stated that he saw the first defendant taking some money from the comptroller's safe.

Cross-examined by the first accused, witness said that the door of the comptroller's cabin was locked with a spring lock.

His Worship: Why did you open the door?—He would have broken it down.

His Worship: Why didn't you let him do so?—It would have damaged the door.

His Worship: Oh! You were very thoughtful of the ship's property.

Asked by the first accused whether he was prepared to swear that he was the man who took the money from the safe, witness said that he was quite certain. He saw him take the money and put it in a rattan basket.

His Worship: What kind of basket?—A basket used for a Chinese tea pot.

The Chief Engineer's Story.

Mr. George Cormack, Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Sunning," who was wounded by pirates during the attack on the ship, appeared to give evidence at the afternoon hearing. He said he was still under treatment at the Government Civil Hospital and was given a chair at the witness box.

Mr. George Cormack said that he has been on the China coast for the last 23 years, and on the day when the "Sunning" was seized by pirates, at about 4 p.m. he was taking a rest and was alone in his cabin. He heard a commotion on the after deck, and on coming out of his cabin, he found two armed men stationed outside the door. "One of the men said to me in English 'hands up,' and dog me," witness said.

The second man was holding a large Chinese earthenware tea-pot and made an attempt to knock it against the witness' head. In doing so, the spout of the pot was broken against the cabin door.

Continuing, Mr. Cormack said that the two pirates escorted him to the Chief Officer's cabin. He had not been there long when an Indian guard and the Second Engineer were also brought in.

Pirates Enjoy a Pipe.

Later, they were joined by Mr. Lapsley who acted as interpreter. Through Mr. Lapsley he was able to arrange with the pirate guards to be allowed to keep watches in the Engine Room. From the Chief Officer's cabin, witness proceeded to the Engine Room at about 4.30 or 5 p.m. to relieve the third engineer. On his way there he saw several armed men on the after-deck. He left the Engine Room at 7 p.m. for his dinner, and on his way to the saloon, he saw two pirates in No. 1 stateroom; one of them was lying down smoking opium.

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be given in his honour by the Commissioner of Customs to the British Community of Macao. There will be in all about thirty present at the function.

After returning from the Portuguese Colony, the Bishop will be the guest in the evening at a Chinese dinner to be given in the China Building by the Hong Kong Chinese Church Body.

THE BISHOP'S DEPARTURE.

The Bishop of London will leave Murray Pier at 9.45 to-morrow (Saturday) morning by the Missions to Seamen, launch "Daylighting" for the "Hakone Maru," on which steamer he is proceeding to Singapore. His Lordship is also visiting Java, as well as New Zealand and Australia.

AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER IN U.S.A.

DELIVERS IMPORTANT SPEECHES.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 30th.

In his first public address in the United States, Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Australian Prime Minister, speaking at the English Speaking Union, emphasised the urgent necessity for the closest Anglo-American co-operation.

Addressing the Pilgrims' Club in the evening, Mr. Bruce deplored the misunderstanding between Europe and the United States and urged the necessity for an unbiased approach in order to solve the problems of Europe. He emphasised that until the economic reconstruction of Europe were achieved the future of the world would remain dark and gloomy.

MATTED FIRE.

A BLAZE AT KOWLOON TONG.

Both the Central and Kowloon Fire Brigades have been called to fire several times this week. Shortly after midnight on Wednesday a big matted, measuring eighty feet by sixty feet at Kowloon Tong, and in which there was a number of coochee tea-houses, caught alight. The blaze was not so serious as the recent Yaumatei fire, but adjoining matted and dwellings were in danger while the conflagration lasted.

Two engines from the Kowloon Fire Brigade Station, in charge of Station Officer Saunders were soon on the scene, and after playing on the huge blaze for half an hour with some 800 feet of hose, the flames were extinguished. The matted, however, was destroyed. There is no explanation of how the fire originated. No casualties occurred.

Shot in the Side.

While having dinner, the second Officer suggested to him an attempt at recapturing the ship. Soon after he went back to the Engine Room and made an attempt to shut the grille, but his action was observed by several pirates on the main deck. These men rushed at him and knocked him down. Then they dragged him up the ladder to the Saloon deck and from there, they hauled him up the boat deck. When three steps up the ladder leading to the deck were reached, he was shot in the side and he fell backwards. Simultaneously one of the pirates was also shot, and the rest retreated, leaving him alone in the Saloon deck.

"Stopped Second Bullet."

After lying there for about five minutes, he managed to crawl up to the Captain's cabin, where he found the second and third engineers, the wireless operator and the Russian lady passenger. Very soon after the "light" of the Captain's cabin was broken in and the rest rushed out leaving him alone. He joined them on the bridge after resting for a while in the cabin. When on the bridge, he noticed that steam was falling and started to make his way back to the Engine Room. On the way there, witness said with a laugh he "stopped the second bullet." The shot was fired from the bridge.

"Smoked Out."

Mr. Cormack was, however, able to make his way back to the Engine Room in spite of his second wound. He remained on duty until the fire occurred when he was smoked out of the stockhold. After being driven away from two places, he was able to get refuge in the fore-deck. While there, he heard shots fired.

When the naval guards came on board the "Sunning" in the morning, he was able to help in the identification muster. He picked out three men, but those men were not in Court, and even if they were, witness was not sure whether he could identify them. He, however, identified Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 20 defendants.

Specially Prepared Food for Pirates.

With regard to the second defendant, he was not positive, but believed he was the man who stood guard over the Chief Officer's door. The No. 4 defendant was one of the men he saw on the after-deck, and so also was No. 6. As to No. 20 defendant he saw him eating in the European Saloon, and that the food he was having was not the remains of the Officers' meals, but a fresh one made specially for him. He also saw this defendant on another occasion. He was then shifting his rifle from one position to another.

In answer to the Court, witness said that a ship passed by just prior to his being shot the second time. The "Sunning" signalled to the passing ship with Morse lamps and also on the siren.

Further evidence was also taken from three of the crew, and Mr. Holmes said that besides the Police and Medical evidence he has three passengers more to call, who would give evidence against the No. 6 defendant.

The case will be resumed at 11.15 this morning.

The WOMAN'S PAGE

ROUND THE SHOPS.

IN SEARCH OF A BLACK HAT.

They tell me the woman who knows what she wants when she enters a shop, and can put that want into plain English, doesn't always get it. I did, in the end, but oh! a long way from where I started. This is not a complaint, the treasure hunt was quite exciting especially when the curfew hour drew near, and still the perfect hat eluded. It is not the number of shops one visits, so much as the numberless things to see in each one. At "Dolly Varden" one felt the only reasonable type of clothing was fashioned on wool, silk and wool, Scotch knit, and all those hundred and one delights now known as Sports Clothes. Here were lots of plain felt hats in all shades of beige, and grey, wallflower and burgundy, tans, browns, and good white felts. A few "dressy" black hats in velvet, some trimmed with coloured wool embroidery, and some lightened with a touch of silver tissue. Stockinette suits with brushed wool cuffs and collars, some mixture two-piece suits in tomato red, or mauve.

Moving on to "Femina," my attention from the treasure was switched and bewitched into playing with gorgeous gowns. Such lots and lots of evening, and afternoon, frocks. They hung in sedate rows all glittering with palette, or beads, or rayonne d'or. The one that

IN THE STREET.

Lovely things there are in the shops, but why is it that the hat for which one has searched, the bag that is a little different, the frock that conforms to fashion, and yet is a personal affair, is invariably seen on some other woman in the street. Perhaps shops still fail to show us an ensemble, and leave this difficult matter for our own solution. Very trusting of them, but unwise. When I met the Best-dressed-woman-in-Hong Kong this week all those thoughts rushed to my mind for here was ensemble. Just that. The two-piece suit of bois du rose heavy crepe was bordered with material of exactly the same shade in a shiny crepe of wider weave. The hipline was sufficiently fitted to rest secure, and thus provide the bloused top which is demanded just now. The length of the skirt was some three inches below the knee, and thus formed a good proportion of the line from shoulder to hem and hem to heel. This is more important to the general affect than is

BEAUTY PARLOUR.

Coming down Lee house Street from the Dairy Farm I could hardly believe my ears, or my eyes. If fashionable shops, and new hotels continue to work wonders with its appearance it will soon be given a French name, and we shall find pavement cafes springing up under the trees like mushrooms. Neat rows of ferns have replaced the rows of squatting coolies; (they have retreated to the shady side of the street); swinging gaudy signboards announce new frocks and frillies, and in the window was a lovely heap of embroidered linen. Next door the newest kind of gramophone was singing softly to some enthusiast within the sacred portals, and to any loiterer who cared to listen. Here, in the Brunswick premises, it is very pleasant to idle away an hour making some selections from the hundreds of records provided. I have not yet found a music shop which ran a library as a sideline, with illustrated papers, and mid-morning coffee to lure the passer-by. An ex-

FOOD.

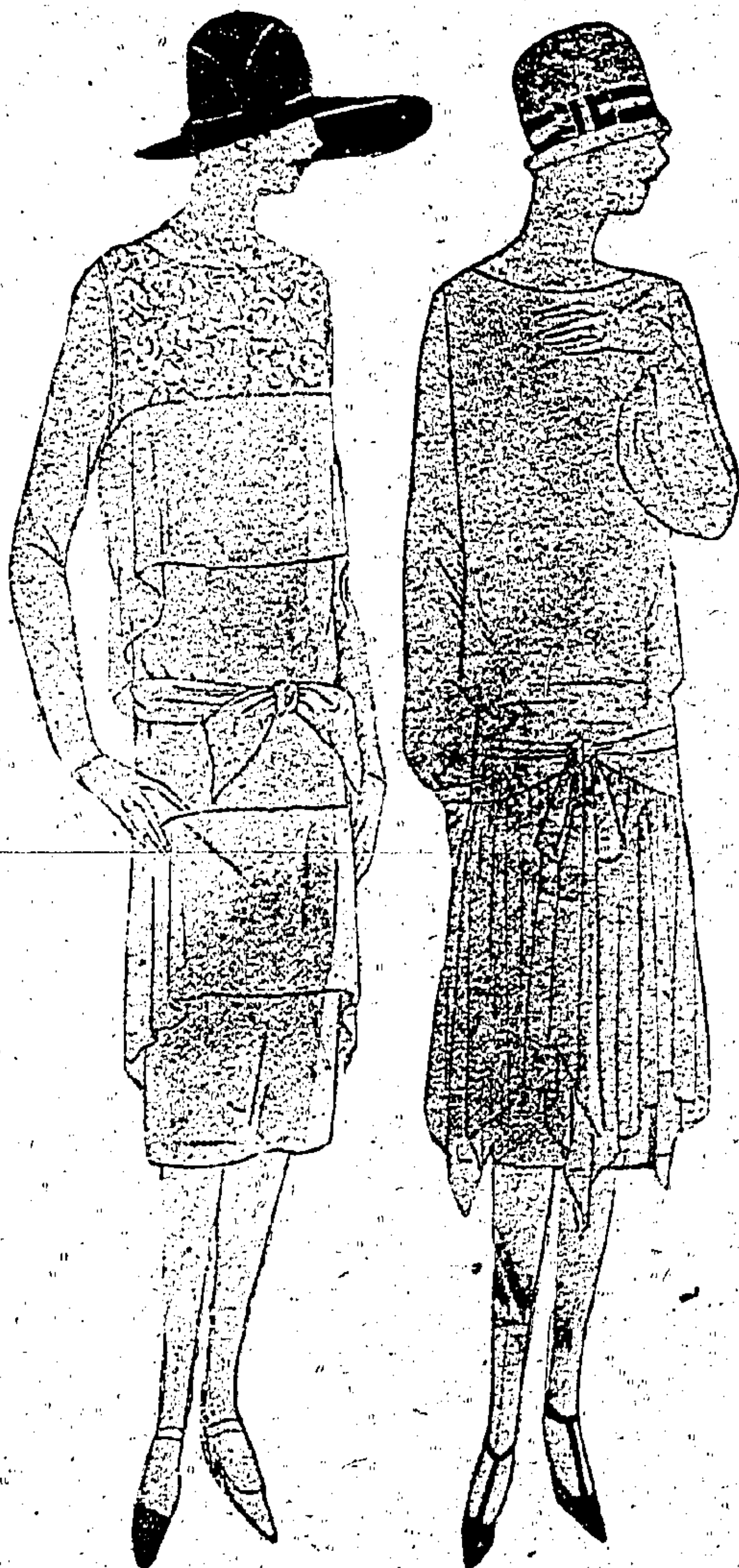
How about a new savoury? Make a rich cheese sauce and substitute for the usual cauliflower, some partially boiled artichokes. Mix with these some boiled and peeled chestnuts. Brown in the oven, and just before serving sprinkle some fresh crisp grapes over the top. The seasoning is the important part of the dish as chestnuts require plenty of salt, and cheese calls loudly for a pinch of cayenne. Also finely chopped parsley improves the flavour.

Tripe is sadly neglected by many people. One cannot argue about it, because some people shudder, and its devotees rush at it with an air of bravado. For those who appreciate its gentle (not gentle) flavour I would suggest it be fried in butter, and served very hot. To ensure perfection it should be cooked just as long a time as for the more usual stewing, and then cut into squares, and dipped into the usual batter which any Chinese cook makes to perfection. When served in curry sauce the pieces should be very small, and as the mild flavour of the tripe is overpowered by the curry seasoning, it is as well to make a mixed dish of it, and add some chicken livers, and perhaps sweet corn from the tin. The Dairy Farm have imported tripe from Canada, and as it requires twelve hours' simmering, it should be ordered early.

This is certainly the ideal weather for roast pork, and what better time of year for a Crown of Pork than now? It is,



The crepe satin frock of simple lines is always smart and dependable. This model has loose panels lengthened by fringe or plating and held by shirrings at the shoulders and a girdle at the waist.



A model of chiffon with a bolero front that ends in a blouse in back. Lace forms part of the bolero, and the wide band on the skirt ends at the side in back.

A frock to suit various occasions and become various types is of georgette crepe, with a bloused upper section, snug fitting at the hips, lengthened by a gathered flounce section that falls in points.

usually recognised. The hat was a plain fawn felt of generous lines, and without absurdity, and it had a brim. Shoes and stockings matched, the former strapped with reptile.

IN THE GARDEN.

Nothing seems to thrive except the carrots so attention must be turned to the house. An attractive and unusual bowl of flowers can be made at small cost. Into the wire mesh of a shallow rose bowl pack closely small pieces of sponge until it is quite covered. Thoroughly wet the sponge and scatter into the crevices, rice, rape, or bird-seed, a few dwarf nasturtium and torpedoon seeds. Fill the bowl half full of water, and put it in a dark place until the seeds begin to germinate, then bring to the light and take care to keep the sponge always wet.

made in soft ribbed wine silk of the same shade. Inside that the gilet was cut on the same lines by a narrow elastic round the waist. It was made of creamy ribbed silk of the same quality as the coat. Such a lovely ensemble for bridge, or the little happy intimate dinner of Sunday night. Many other things of interest I found in this shop, but evening slippers, hats, and evening cloaks will have to wait a week, though once seen they are never forgotten.

cellent way of selling records and machines, for any sense of hurry spoils the choice, and creates uncertainty. From there to the Danelle Beauty Parlour because this shingle is a snare and a delusion. If it is cut too short it is hideous, and if you forget about it for a week the whole world is ready to remind you in some subtle way that you need the attentions of the expert. She is, too, and is so quick about it. The wrist work of the good waver is a marvel. They seem very busy there, and the brightness occasioned by prosperity is pleasing to share in these hard times. It is a curious and interesting fact that every week some new luxury shop is opened either here in Kowloon, and seems to make good. Clothes get more expensive and more gorgeous every time a mail boat arrives. I hear no complaints of stocks of this kind hanging heavily, in fact several shops have no need of sales this year. The buying public knows what it wants, and doesn't seem to mind paying for it. Lots of shops run side-lines of an entirely different character to their main wares; and one of these is "The Sign of the Lantern" which can supply an astringent lotion, which is especially suitable for combating local sun and wind conditions. On Stubbs Road there is a Pension, famed for its good food and rightly so, and here again I was told that business was booming, and everyone most comfortably settled.



This is a modified cowboy hat in felt, with an unbound brim of medium size that ripples becomingly.

of course, a large joint for the well-cracked loin must bend to an easy circle and join securely at the side. Place the circle on its head, thus leaving the sharp chop bones standing upwards and on every alternate bone force a peeled white onion. These will be baked and basted with the joint. The centre of the circle is now hollow and this should be filled with the following sage and onion stuffing: 2 onions, 2 ounces of breadcrumbs, 6 sage leaves, 1 ounce of butter, 1 beaten egg, and seasoning. Mix the chopped sage and chopped cooked onion with the other ingredients and fill the cavity of the joint covering it with brown breadcrumbs, and bake the whole dish, allowing half an hour to every pound of pork. With this joint the usual apple sauce can be eaten, or cranberry sauce makes an excellent change. Fruits, stewed with lemon juice and no sweetening are a favourite addition, and a little cider added to the natural gravy is an improvement.

The Dairy Farm have some good geese just now weighing about eight pounds. The cook should use the liver separately for sandwich filling. After cooking, it should be seasoned and spread on very thin toast. Giblet soup should be almost clear, and the giblets lightly fried before boiling.

REMOVING TRANSFERS FROM FABRICS.

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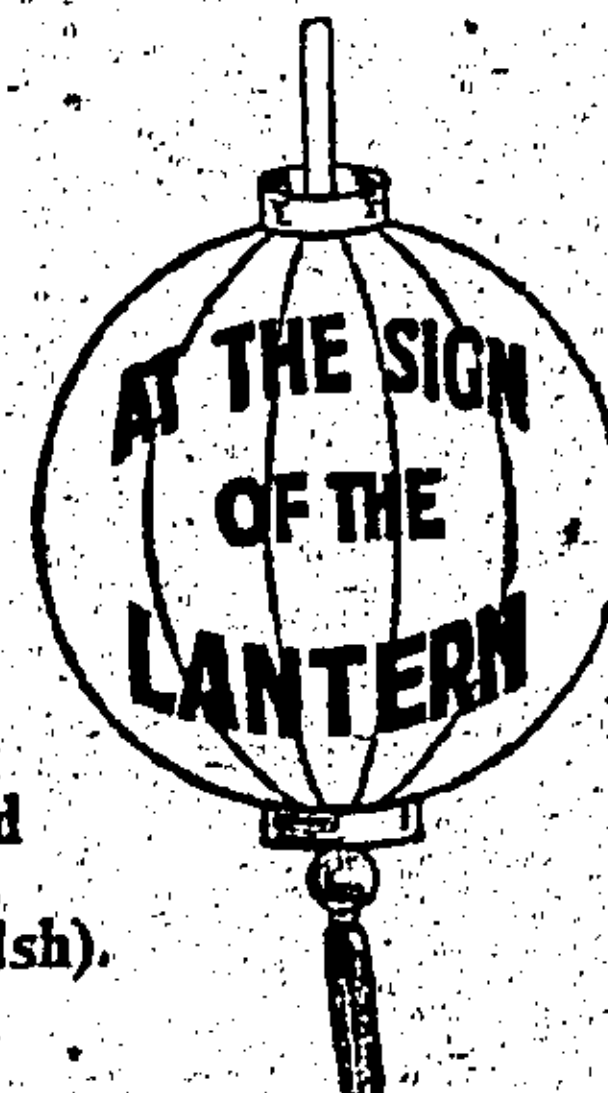
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"SALLY" AT THE QUEEN'S.

NEWBY GAUMONT GRAPHIC.

"Sally" with Colleen Moore in the title rôle, supported by Lloyd Hughes was shown for the first time last night at the Queen's Theatre to a crowded house.

Impersonating a famous Russian dancer, Mlle. Nostrovna, Colleen Moore, does some wonderful Russian dances.

The theme of the story is that a foundling brought up in a home Sally was mischievous to a degree and the people at the home were only too glad to get rid of her. After many adventures as a dishwasher in a cafe, she finds the luck which was promised her.

The continuity of the picture is good, and there are many amusing passages to relieve the inevitable padding.

The picture is supported by a strong cast which includes Blair (Continued at foot of next column)

GOLF NEWS.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The competition in the Junior Championship, open to those with handicaps of 10 and over, will commence on Sunday, January 8th. Players arrange their own partners, etc. Partners need not be competitors. Post entries will be received, but no cards are to be taken out after 12.30 p.m. on the opening day. Sixteen qualify for match play stages.

It is hoped to have the fixture lists for 1927 ready this week.

Farquhar, Leon Errol, Dan Mason, John T. Murray and others. "Sally" will be shown till Saturday and from Sunday to Wednesday. "Confessions of a Queen" will be screened. Alice Terry and Lewis Stone are appearing in the lead.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER
DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 239.

1.—Artillery Company.

City and Tai Koo Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, January 4th, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. for 8" Howitzer Gun drill and Signalling instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Transport for 1st Koo Section will be at Tai Koo Dock, East Gate, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4th, 1927.

As this will be the last drill before Camp all members should make a special effort to attend. The Artillery Co. will go into Camp, Tai Lam, for week ends as under:

Friday, 7th, to Sunday, 9th Jan., 1927.

Friday, 14th, to Sunday, 16th January, 1927.

Members will parade at the Star Ferry Pier, Kowloon, at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, January 7th, 1927, and at the same time on Friday, January 14th, 1927, where transport will be available. Transport will also be available on Sundays, January 8th and 16th, 1927, at 5 p.m., for return from Camp.

Attendance in Camp is now a condition for efficiency and every member should attend for four days.

Dress: Uniform, helmets, belts, bandoliers, haversacks, water-cottles, great-coats, tunics, shorts, puttees and black boots. Rifles and bayonets are not to be taken. Messing is being arranged and no plates, knives or forks, etc., need be taken.

2.—Engineer Company. Field Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates. Dress: Mufti.

Thursday, January 6th, 1927: Lecture on Principles of Coast Defence.

Thursday, January 13th, 1927: Lecture on Anti-Air Craft Defence.

Signal Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates. Dress: Mufti.

Monday, January 3rd, 1927: Lecture W/T for R.A. Shoots.

Thursday, January 6th, 1927: Lecture Co-operation of Signals and R.A.

The usual class under Cpl. Bowler, R.C.S., for men detailed from other units for company signallers will recommence on Tuesday, January 4th, 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

3.—Infantry Company. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1927.

Company N.C.O.'s class under C.S.M. Slattery.

Musketry Class under Sergt. Barham.

No. 1 Platoon Rifle Section under 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

No. 1 Platoon Lewis Gun Section under 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons under 2/Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M. Signallers parade as usual for those detailed.

On January 11th at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Sections under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

No. 2 Platoon Lewis Gun Sections under 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C. Signallers parade as usual for those detailed.

4.—Scottish Company. Musketry Course Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 16th, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. A. Mackenzie.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be taken as the whole Part II. Course must be fired in drill order, whether over uniform or multi.

Arms. May be drawn from Corps Headquarters between the following hours:—

Friday, January 14th, 1927:—9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 15th, 1927:—9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.—Reserve Company. Musketry Course Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 9th, 1927.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be taken as the whole Part II. Course must be fired in drill order, whether over uniform or multi.

Arms. May be drawn from Headquarters on Friday, January 7th, 1927, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, January 8th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

6.—Command. Lieut. E. P. Minnett, T.D. V.D., commands the Medical Section, with effect from December 15th, 1926, vice Captain Sir Eric Stuart-Taylor, O.B.E., on leave.

7.—Reversion. Reference Corps, Order No. 257 para. 7, dated December 24th, 1926, is cancelled, and the following amendment is made:—

No. 778 Corp. A. C. Howell, No. 2 Platoon, is permitted to revert to (Continued on next column.)

GIANT AND LILLIPUTIAN.
ISAKO'S CIRCUS PRESENTS
NEW ITEMS.

THRILLING BLINDFOLDED
AND MANACLED FLYING.

An entirely new programme was presented last night at the Isako's Circus, at Kowloon, to a crowded house.

An item by a giant and a Lilliput pony—one a Siberian and the other a Korean—was the outstanding feature of the evening.

A lesson in addition, division, subtraction and multiplication is amusingly taught to schoolboys by a cleverly trained pony, whose owner describes it as "the miracle of the 20th century."

The four Arkos "kings of the Air," who have thrilled the spectators since the opening night, were seen last night in a daring trapeze act. Trapeze work is dizzy enough at the best of times, but to turn somersaults in the air, blindfolded, legs tied and a sack put over the body is a feat that holds the spectators spell-bound.

Franz, Perry and Koko, the clowns appeared in a comical scene "Arlekinaade," supported by Lambo, an elephant from Ceylon.

MARINE COURT.

MASTERS OF STEAM
LAUNCHES FINED.

Yesterday at the Marine Court before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., the masters of the steam launches *Lee Fien* and *Fook Shing* were summoned for anchoring abreast of two other vessels lying alongside the s.s. *Tangshan* on December 20th.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and were fined ten dollars each.

GENERAL LI FOOK LAM
AND "BASE COIN."

A paragraph translated from a Chinese paper, appeared among the "Canton News" from our Chinese correspondent which was published in the *Hong Kong Daily Press* of December 25th, 1926, headed "Base Coin," implying that General Li Fook Lam had been issuing counterfeit coin in Canton.

Since the publication of this paragraph we have been served with a Writ of Summons at the suit of General Li Fook Lam for damages for a libel contained in the paragraph. No previous communication from General Li Fook Lam was made to us, but we accept the Writ as an emphatic and truthful declaration by General Li Fook Lam that the statements in the paragraph in question are false and without foundation. That being so, we unreservedly withdraw all imputations contained in the paragraph and offer our sincere apologies to General Li Fook Lam, and express our deep regret that the *Hong Kong Daily Press* has given to this Chinese press report, the publicity of its columns.

the rank of Private at his request, as from December 22nd, 1926.

8.—Resignations. The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 622 Epe, A. C. McPherson, No. 5 Platoon, dated December 31st, 1926.

No. 627 Pte. H. L. Carson, No. 7 Platoon, dated December 15th, 1926.

No. 1013 Pte. J. Petrie, No. 7 Platoon, dated December 1st, 1926.

No. 148 Sgt. B. Lapsley, Reserve Co., dated December 31st, 1926.

9.—Rifles and Bayonets. Members of the Corps who have their rifles and bayonets in their possession are requested to return to Volunteer Store as soon as possible.

G. H. H. BELL, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, December 31st, 1926.

Notice. The Commandant wishes all members of the Corps a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

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for Chronic Ulcers, No. 3 for Chronic
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for Chronic Rheumatism, No. 6 for Chronic
Nervousness, No. 7 for Chronic
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ARRIVALS.

December 28th.
 Hanoi, French str., 640 tons, Capt. L. Cruchot, from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, with general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Messageries Maritimes.

December 29th.
 Autolytus, British str., 4,899 tons, Capt. F. H. Towill, from Cebu and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 27th, with 2 cases of cotton, lying at buoy No. 41—B. & S.

Habra, Norwegian str., 1,627 tons, Capt. T. Thorson, from Sebatik and Borneo, with 2,100 tons of coal, lying at Stonecutters—K. Larsen & Co.

Takaka Maru, Japanese str., 4,327 tons, Capt. J. Watanabe, from Kobe and Iloilo, with sugar and coconut oil, lying at buoy No. 41—N.Y.K.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 165 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Amdur, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

December 30th.
 Empress of Canada, British str., 12,911 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., from Manila, which port she left on December 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41—C.P.R.

Fingst, Norwegian str., 1,343 tons, Capt. N. Bull, Melsom, from Keelung, which port she left on December 28th, with 2,000 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. 41—M.B.K.

Huzan Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung via Amoy and Swatow, with coal and merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. D. H. Martin, from Bangkok via Swatow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41—B. & S.

Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. C. H. Jones, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41—B. & S.

Mirapora, British str., 3,940 tons, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 27th, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 30th.
 Autolytus, for Singapore.
 Fortuna, for Manila.
 Glentara, for Singapore.
 Kawachi Maru, for Singapore.
 Lai Sang, for Singapore.
 Lushan Maru, for Canton.
 Liang Chow, for Canton.
 President Jefferson, for Shanghai.
 Song Pa, for Canton.
 Tean, for Hoibow.
 Tjaraoca, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

Per R.M.S. Empress of Canada, from Manila, on December 30th:—
 For Hong Kong: Mr. A. Carpi, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Chamberlain, Mr. V. De Rouge, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Everall, Mr. W. Galloway, Mr. L. Gielgud, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harrison, Mr. E. M. Hayk, Mr. A. Hubert, Miss H. MacGregor, Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, Mr. A. P. Stoner, Miss J. L. Wilson, Mrs. M. Andres and three children, Mr. E. Clark and Master R. Clark, Mr. J. Ferrer, Mrs. L. Hawkins, Madame Henkins, Sister M. Heane, Mr. H. Kapiloff, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. B. Attie and two infants, Miss P. A. Munro, Master D. J. Munro, Mr. W. D. Ramnani, Mr. D. Hafaly, Miss G. P. Vernes, Mr. N. Benez, Mr. D. Clemento, Mr. R. Cristino, Mr. R. Fiorentino, Mr. F. Marcello, Mr. H. Hariano, Mr. R. Mariano, Mr. G. Maximo, Mr. R. Roberto, Mrs. J. Salonga, and Mr. A. E. Santos.

DEPARTURES.
 Per s.s. President Jefferson, on December 30th:—Mr. St. Reimers, Mr. H. B. Pereira, Miss M. J. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Chamberlain, Mr. H. Tandier, Mr. E. D. Oliver, Mr. J. D. Watt, Mr. E. D. Van Walree, Mr. A. M. Boyd, Mr. D. H. Sherman, Mr. M. Alexis, Mr. H. Assonni, Mr. Oscar F. Allen, Mr. E. A. Lees, Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. T. J. Doyle, Master T. J. Doyle, jr., Mrs. E. C. Stahlbeber, Mr. E. Bader, Lt. L. D. Libenow, Mrs. L. F. Chapman, and Mrs. S. R. Davis.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 30th.

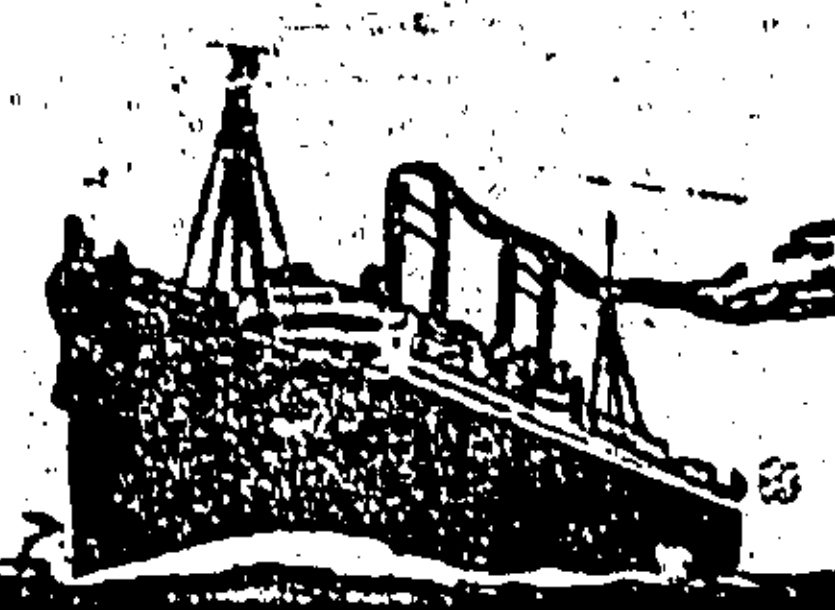
	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	30.25	30.25	30.18
Temperature...	60	56	63
Humidity...	16	56	38
Wind...	ESE	NE	East
Force...	3	2	4
Direction...	0	0	B
Weather...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 29th: 61.

Lowest open-air Temperature, 30th: 56.

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; S—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

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 S.S. "SAARLAND" ... due here on or about the 14th March, 1927

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+ S.S. "PREUSSEN" ... sailing on or about 5th January, 1927
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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" Monday, 3rd Jan., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"WAISHING" Thursday, 4th Jan., at 8 a.m.

TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"WAISHING" Sunday, 9th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MINGSANG" Monday, 10th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSEING" Friday, 14th Jan., at Noon.
(SAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG" Tuesday, 18th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG" Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG" Sunday, 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWAISANG" Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 27	Jan. 30	Jan. 38
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 25
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 31
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 23	Mar. 24	Mar. 27	Mar. 30	Mar. 38
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 30	Apr. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 21
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 13	Apr. 14	Apr. 17	Apr. 20	Apr. 28
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 18	May 19	May 22	May 25	May 31
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 25	May 26	May 29	May 31	June 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	June 22	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 7
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ANGERS	15th Jan. "
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KAWACHI MARU ... Friday, 31st Dec.
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BIYO MARU ... Saturday, 1st Jan.
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CEYLON MARU ... Saturday, 1st Jan.
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MISHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 21st Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
SEIYO MARU (Moji direct) ... Tuesday, 4th Jan.
HAKUSAN MARU ... Monday, 10th Jan.
AKITA MARU ... Tuesday, 11th Jan.
KITANO MARU ... Tuesday, 25th Jan.

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YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS.

LOCAL IMPORTS STILL DOWN.
THROUGH FREIGHTS ALSO BELOW AVERAGE.

The freights returns for the 24 hours ended yesterday at 9 a.m. showed that both local and through cargo carried were below the average.
There were a total of 4,177 tons of general merchandise imported into the Colony yesterday. These were brought by 11 vessels out of the 15 arrivals. Two other vessels carried 8,600 tons of coal. Of the 4,177 tons of general cargo landed here, 3,158 tons were discharged from 7 British steamers. The best return was shown by the s.s. *King Puen* (British), which brought 1,491 tons from Bangkok and Swatow. With the exception of this vessel, the returns shown by other steamers were all three-figures.

Through freights were manifested on 7 steamers out of the fifteen which came into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. The total tonnage of general merchandise carried by these seven steamers were 13,977 tons, of which 7,464 tons were on British vessels. The two best returns were registered by the s.s. *Takaka Maru* (Japanese) and the Blue funnel liner *Autolycus*. The former arriving from Kobe and Iloilo carried 6,373 tons and the latter from Chefoo and Shanghai, had 5,233 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were: British, 23; American, 1; Panama, 1; Norwegian, 5; Danish, 1; Japanese, 7; Chinese, 11; Dutch, 6; Portuguese, 3; and French, 1 arrival.
Deck passengers, numbering 759 were brought into the Colony by 8 steamers.

Freights brought into the Colony and cargo carried for ports beyond by the 15 steamers were:-

S.S. *Empress of Canada* (British) from Manila, 308 tons general for Hong Kong and 281 tons for ports.
S.S. *Liangchow* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy, 550 tons general for Hong Kong and 50 tons for ports.
S.S. *Autolycus* (British) from Chefoo and Shanghai, 1 ton general for Hong Kong and 5,233 tons for ports.
S.S. *Sinkiang* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 500 tons general for Hong Kong and 700 tons for ports.

S.S. *Stockholm* (British) from Canton, in ballast.

S.S. *King Puen* (British) from Bangkok and Swatow, 1,491 tons general for Hong Kong and 10 tons for ports.

S.S. *Hanoi* (French) from Haiphong and Port Bayard, 185 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Takaka Maru* (Japanese) from Kobe and Iloilo, 6,373 tons general for ports.

S.S. *Honan Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow, 814 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Fingal* (Norwegian) from Keelung, 2,000 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Corona* (Norwegian) from Chingwangtao, 4,550 tons coal and 20 tons general for Hong Kong.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *St. Albans*, which arrived here yesterday from Yokohama and Moji, reports that a fire broke out in her coal bunker while the vessel was in Yokohama. The fire was extinguished there and little damage done.

The day service to and from Canton has now been resumed in full. The *Pattana* has rejoined the run, after being laid up since last week, and she will now run in conjunction with the other day boat, the *Kinsan*. The *Taiwan* continues to run as the night boat.

Two mails arrived from Europe via Siberia yesterday. These were brought by the s.s. *Autolycus* and the s.s. *Mitsuboshi*.

The *Empress of Canada* which arrived in port yesterday from Manila, went to a dry dock in mid-stream, just opposite the Harbour Office, and near to the re-painted *Empress of Asia*. The two liners, one in her white paint, the other with her hull still the war time drab colour, provided a striking contrast. The *Empress of Canada* goes into dock and will be similarly overhauled and re-painted.

The Colonial Secretariat has notified that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Macassar on account of plague.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. *Nanking* (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 24th, and is due here on or about January 31st.

The B.I. and Apear Line's s.s. *Takaka* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst., and is due here on January 1st, at about 7 a.m.

The B.I. and Apear Line's s.s. *Tokiko* will leave Amoy for this port on January 1st, and is due here on January 2nd, at about 4 p.m.

S.S. *Hubro* (Norwegian) from Seattle, 2,100 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Tak Hing* (Chinese) from Au Tau 1 1/2 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *St. Albans* (British) from Yokohama and Moji, 10 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,120 tons for ports.

S.S. *Uai Ching* (British) from Soochow and Swatow 300 tons general for Hong Kong.

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S.S. *Takaka Maru* (Japanese) from Kobe and Iloilo, 6,373 tons general for ports.

S.S. *Honan Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow, 814 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Fingal* (Norwegian) from Keelung, 2,000 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Corona* (Norwegian) from Chingwangtao, 4,550 tons coal and 20 tons general for Hong Kong.

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S.S. *Empress of Canada* (British) from Manila, 308 tons general for Hong Kong and 281 tons for ports.

S.S. *Liangchow* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy, 550 tons general for Hong Kong and 50 tons for ports.

S.S. *Autolycus* (British) from Chefoo and Shanghai, 1 ton general for Hong Kong and 5,233 tons for ports.

S.S. *Sinkiang* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 500 tons general for Hong Kong and 700 tons for ports.

S.S. *Stockholm* (British) from Canton, in ballast.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 27th, 1927.

Adriatic (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 13th, 1927.

Benedict (Blue Line), due to-morrow.

Canton (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 21st, 1927.

Demodocus (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 4th, 1927.

Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due January 13th.

Fulda (N.D.L.), due to-morrow.

Izium (Blue Funnel), due January 7th, 1927.

Machao (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 10th, 1927.

Meriones (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 17th, 1927.

Mentor (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 3rd, 1927.

Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 2nd, 1927.

Peregrine (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 20th, 1927.

Rhesus (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 27th, 1927.

Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 13th, 1927.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.40 p.m., states:-
The anti-cyclone continues to move eastward and is now central over S.W. Japan. Fresh monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.
Local forecast:-N.E. winds, fresh to moderate, fine.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 31st, 1926, to January 6th, 1927.

Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	31	h. m.	...	h. m.	...
Sat.	1	h. m.	...	h. m.	...
Sun.	2	h. m.	...	h. m.	...
Mon.	3	h. m.	...	h. m.	...
Tue.	4	h. m.	...	h. m.	...
Wed.	5	h. m.	...	h. m.	...
Thur.	6	h. m.	...	h. m.	...

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"NYANZA"	7,023	5th Jan., Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan., Noon	Marssilles & London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	23rd Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOBEA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marssilles & London.
"DELTA"	8,097	12th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHMIR"	8,005	19th Feb.	Marles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"NELLORE"	8,552	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marssilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	8,605	12th March	Marles, L'von, Antwerp & R'dam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MONGOLIA"	18,504	19th March	Marssilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marssilles & London.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	8th April	Marles, L'don, Antwerp & R'dam.
"KARMALA"	9,138	15th April	Marles, London & Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,940	30th April	Marssilles & London.
"KALWA"	9,138	14th May	Marssilles, London and Antwerp.
"MOBEA"	10,198	28th May	Marssilles and London.

